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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jim Shockley, on January 19, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 54, 1/12/2011; SB 56, 1/12/2011; SB 113, 1/12/2011; SB 138,
1/12/2011

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:23 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 56, Professional retirement option for new hires into teachers' retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:00 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)
00:15:11 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Questions were deferred until the hearing on SB 54 (see below)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:40 Sen. Jent

HEARING ON SB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:46 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 54, Establish a hybrid tier in TRS for new hires only.

[EXHIBIT\(sts14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts14a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts14a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts14a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:17 Sen. Dave Lewis, SD 42
00:44:31 Rep. Pat Ingraham, HD 13
00:44:35 Sen. Jones left the hearing

Opponents' Testimony:

00:47:20 David Senn, TRS
00:53:53 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: SB 54 and SB 56

00:59:16	Sen. Jent
00:59:52	Sen. Arthun
00:59:59	Sen. Jent
01:02:08	Sen Arthun
01:02:17	Sen. Balyeat
01:03:44	Sen. Jent
01:03:53	Chairman Shockley
01:04:09	Sen. Balyeat
01:04:17	Chairman Shockley
01:04:39	Sen. Jent
01:05:31	David Senn
01:06:22	Sen. Jent
01:06:28	David Senn
01:06:43	Sen. Balyeat
01:07:33	David Senn
01:09:14	Sen. Balyeat
01:09:23	Sen. Jones entered the hearing
01:10:56	David Senn
01:12:04	Sen. Arthun
01:12:27	David Senn
01:13:37	Sen. Arthun
01:13:54	David Senn
01:14:38	Sen. Jent
01:14:56	David Senn
01:15:33	Sen. Jent
01:16:38	David Senn
01:16:55	Sen. Jent
01:17:35	David Senn
01:18:15	Sen. Jent
01:18:31	David Senn
01:18:38	Chairman Shockley
01:19:17	David Senn
01:21:25	Chairman Shockley
01:21:40	Eric Feaver
01:22:01	Chairman Shockley
01:22:09	Eric Feaver
01:22:14	Chairman Shockley
01:22:24	Sen. Balyeat
01:22:59	Eric Feaver
01:23:14	Chairman Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:53	Sen. Balyeat
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HEARING ON SB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:10 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 113, Transfer statutory excess retirement funds in trust by school districts to TRS.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:34 David Senn

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01:30:50 Eric Feaver

01:33:11 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:13 Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

01:36:26 Sen. Windy Boy entered the hearing

Informational Testimony:

01:37:36 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:29 Sen. Balyeat

01:39:33 Roxanne Minnehan

01:40:10 Sen. Balyeat

01:40:35 Sen. Arthun

01:41:02 Lynda Brannon

01:42:15 Sen. Balyeat

01:42:51 Lynda Brannon

01:43:15 Sen. Balyeat

01:43:48 Lynda Brannon

01:44:19 Sen. Balyeat

01:44:34 Lynda Brannon

01:44:48 Sen. Windy Boy

01:44:50 Sen. Balyeat left the hearing

01:45:29 Madalyn Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:18 Sen. Jent

HEARING ON SB 138

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:47:55 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 138, Clarify funding of MUS optional retirement program.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:50:34 Dan Villa, Office of the Governor

Opponents' Testimony:

01:51:34 Eric Feaver

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:05 Sen. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts14aad.pdf](#))